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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Administrative and safety arrangements related to the management and use of military utility helicopters in peacekeeping missions

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations in its report on its 2009 substantive session,[1] adopted by the Committee at its 211th meeting on 20 March 2009, requested the Secretary-General "to submit to the General Assembly before the end of 2009, in close consultation with the Member States in a transparent manner, a comprehensive report on the current status and developments in the area of aviation safety in United Nations peacekeeping, including administrative and safety arrangements related to the management and use of military utility helicopters in peacekeeping missions" (para. 71).

2. It has become evident, however, that:

(a) The draft report would benefit from further consultation with relevant parties, to allow for further alignment of expectations, needs and limitations;

(b) Further development of the report will allow for increased coherence with the Global Support Strategy and proposals presented within the New Horizons process;

(c) Owing to the heavy workload facing the Committee at its 2010 session, presentation of the report at this time would provide only limited opportunity for meaningful engagement on this very important issue.

3. For the above reasons, the Secretariat has decided to defer the submission of this report to mid-2010 for the Committee's consideration at its 2011 session.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/63/19).

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